

**CLAIMS:**

1. A load cell apparatus comprising:
- (a) a frame;
  - (b) an upper compliance assembly connected to said frame;
  - (c) a load cell connected to said upper compliance assembly; and
  - (d) a lower compliance assembly connected to said load cell.
2. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said upper and lower compliance assemblies further comprise:
- (a) a first base;
  - (b) a compression pad connected to said first or second base;
  - (c) a rebound pad;
  - (d) a load plate between said rebound pad and said compression pad; and
  - (e) a second base connected to said rebound pad or said compression pad.
3. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said load cell further comprises:
- (a) a load cell yoke connected to said upper assembly; and
  - (b) an upper and lower loading saddle connected to said load cell.
4. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising an overload limit.

- 1 5. The apparatus of Claim 4 wherein said overload limit further comprises:  
2 (a) a fixed overload limit; and  
3 (b) a moving overload limit.
- 1 6. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said upper compliance assembly and said load cell are  
2 connected to each other and to said frame by a hanger stud.
- 1 7. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said lower compliance assembly further comprises:  
2 (a) a rod end link connected to said load cell; and  
3 (b) a drawbar connected to said rod end link.
8. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a rotation preventor.
9. The apparatus of Claim 7 further comprising a rotation preventor connected to said  
drawbar.
- 1 10. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a data transfer means for providing data to  
2 the load cell and for receiving data from the load cell.
- 1 11. In a weighing system, a load cell method comprising the steps of:  
2 (a) connecting a frame to the weighing system;  
3 (b) connecting an upper compliance assembly to said frame;

- 4 (c) connecting a load cell to said upper compliance assembly; and  
5 (d) connecting a lower compliance assembly to said load cell.

1 12. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of providing said upper and lower  
2 compliance assemblies with:

- 3 (a) a first base;  
4 (b) a compression pad;  
5 (c) a rebound pad;  
(d) a load plate located between said rebound pad and said compression pad; and  
(e) a second base.

13. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the steps of:

- (a) connecting a load cell yoke to the upper assembly; and  
(b) connecting an upper and lower loading saddle to said load cell.

1 14. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of connecting an overload limit.

1 15. The method of Claim 14 wherein connecting said overload limit further comprises the steps  
2 of:

- 3 (a) providing a fixed overload limit; and  
4 (b) providing a moving overload limit.

1 16. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of connecting said upper compliance  
2 assembly to said frame by a hanger stud.

1 17. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the steps of:  
2 (a) connecting a rod end link to said load cell; and  
3 (b) connecting a drawbar to said rod end link.

1 18. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of adding a rotation preventor.

19. The method of Claim 17 further comprising the step of connecting a rotation preventor to  
said drawbar.

20. The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of connecting a data transmission  
means to said load cell for transmitting and receiving data to and from said load cell.

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